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As the Network Administrator . . . it is my responsibility oversee the deployment of new technologies to our company. My position gives me ample freedom to implement whatever software or hardware I see necessary to keep the company network running smoothly and to satisfy user requests. Unfortunately, though my position may give me that freedom, the current software economy cannot.

"I would dearly love to replace all Microsoft technology in my office with Open Source software, and if the software economy can give me as much freedom as my job did, I would do just that. However, the most defeating problem is what Microsoft chooses to keep secret -- it's network protocols, the layout of it's Office files, and the precise technology needed to migrate from their email server. . . . I am asking the court to force Microsoft to publish these protocols in detail.

I am also urging to court to act on future technologies as well.

Microsoft is now planning to add vast pieces of the Internet to it's web of interdependencies. With it's initiative .Net, whole portions of the web would be cut off from non-Microsoft technologies. We have seen a glimpse of the monopolist's vision of the future with the UK and MSN portal, designed by Microsoft and accessible only with Microsoft technology.

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